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January 9, 2002

Mr. Peter Golerkansky
Manager of Engineering and Facilities Development
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
8700 Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90048

Dear Mr. Golerkansky:

REVISED COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER, CENTRAL PLANT, 8700 BEVERLY BOULEVARD, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994002, CI-8217)

Thank you for your letter dated August 15, 2001, requesting addition of groundwater discharge from construction dewatering at the proposed Central Plant to your existing NPDES permit. Cedars-Sinai Medical Center has discontinued the construction of the Diagnostic Treatment Center (DTC) and now proposes to construct the Central Plant. You have indicated that the construction of DTC terminated before construction dewatering became necessary.

In our letter dated January 2, 2001, we authorized you to discharge groundwater generated during construction dewatering at the DTC under NPDES Permit No. CAG994001, Order 97-045. Based on the results of groundwater samples collected at the Central Plant site in December 2001, tetrachloroethylene (PCE) was detected at concentrations approaching the maximum contaminant level of 5 ppb. As a contingency, the NPDES permit is revised to provide treatment of groundwater if the concentration of PCE in the extracted groundwater exceeds the effluent limitation. Accordingly, a groundwater treatment system will be installed to remove the PCE, if necessary.

Your permit number CAG994001, Order No. 97-045 is no longer appropriate for the site. Your discharge of groundwater is now covered under NPDES Permit No. CAG994002, Order No. 97-043, *General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Treated Groundwater from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties*, adopted by this Board on May 12, 1997. This new permit supersedes CAG994001, Order No 97-045 issued on January 2, 2001, and your coverage under Order No. 97-045 will be terminated in a separate letter. In addition, we have reviewed the information provided and have no objection to coverage of the additional groundwater discharge from the construction dewatering at Central Plant Building under the revised NPDES permit. Please note that your annual fee will increase from \$400 to \$750 for the coverage under Order No. 97-043.

Enclosed is the revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8217 that replaces your existing Monitoring and Reporting Program. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations specified in the Order No. 97-043. The discharge limits in Part E of Order No. 97-043

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are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows into Ballona Creek Watershed; therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment A of Order No. 97-043 are not applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, ATTN: Information Technology Unit. When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8217 and NPDES No. CAG994002", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

We are sending a copy of Order No. 97-043 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order sent to you previously. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it.

If you have any questions, please contact Raul Medina at (213) 620-2160.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson
Executive Officer

Enclosures

General NPDES Permit No. CAG994002, Order No. 97-043
Fact Sheet
Revised Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8217
Appendix A – SWRCB Minimum Levels
Priority Pollutants List

cc: See Mailing List

Mailing List

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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